

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF FALL 2001 TARGET DATE  
FOR PROPOSAL SUBMISSIONS  
Division of Physics**

The target date for proposal submissions to the Division of Physics that are competing for FY 2002<sup>1</sup> funds is **September 26, 2001**. The Division entertains submissions in the following areas:

*Atomic, Molecular, Optical, and Plasma Physics*  
*Elementary Particle Physics*  
*Gravitational Physics and LIGO*  
*Education and Interdisciplinary Research*<sup>2</sup>

*Nuclear Physics*  
*Nuclear and Particle Astrophysics*  
*Theoretical Physics*

Proposals that miss the target dates will be handled as time permits. Significant delays in submissions will prohibit inclusion of the proposal within the group reviews for the program as a whole, and this may necessitate postponement of the review process until the following fiscal year. We also ask that you not submit proposals any earlier than one month before the appropriate target date.

The above date does not apply to proposals sent to the Physics Division in response to Foundation-wide solicitations, such as the Faculty Early Career Development (CAREER) or Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU) programs. These programs have specified target or deadline dates contained in their program announcements. Demonstrably multidisciplinary proposals sent to the Physics Division, which are likely to be jointly reviewed with other programs within the Foundation, may be impacted by different target dates for the different programs involved. If you are contemplating submitting such a proposal, you should contact the relevant Program Director in the Physics Division before submission.

Proposals submitted in response to this announcement are required to be prepared and submitted in accordance with the general guidelines contained in the NSF *Grant Proposal Guide* (GPG) (NSF 01-2). The complete text of the GPG (including forms) is available electronically on the NSF Web Site at:

<http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2001/nsf012a/start.html>. There are two general merit review criteria in the GPG: the first addresses the intellectual merit of the proposed activity, and the second the broader impacts of the proposed activity. The reviewers will be asked to comment on both criteria. With regard to the broader impacts, the Program Directors will address them in their review analysis. The point of this criterion is to place the proposed work in a broader context. Generally, even the most fundamental research has educational and/or potential long-range impact on another field, on technology, or on society in some way. The Division of Physics emphasizes the importance of thinking about and communicating these connections when they exist. Please note that this is not in any way a shift in the priorities or strategic vision of the Division. It is rather a call for greater effort in expressing the broader context of our work. All proposals are required to be submitted using the FastLane system. Information concerning the use of FastLane is located on the World Wide Web at <http://www.fastlane.nsf.gov>.

Sincerely,

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<sup>1</sup>Fiscal Year 2002 begins on October 1, 2001

<sup>2</sup>Formerly Special Programs

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